

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## FEBRUARY 2008 BRUSH FIRES

### SITUATION REPORT # 9

### ***FINAL SITUATION REPORT***

1200 Hours February 22, 2008

#### SUMMARY

Multiple wildfires were reported in 62 localities across the Commonwealth. High winds fueled the fires and made fires difficult to contain. Several localities submitted requests for assistance. [Map - Localities Reporting Brush Fires](#)

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION

**EOC Activation:** The Virginia VEOC is at Routine status and operating with normal staffing.

**State of Emergency:** Governor Tim Kaine declared a State of Emergency on February 10, 2008 at 1740 Hours.

**Protective Actions:** Local Emergencies Declared on February 10, 2008:  
Bedford County  
Roanoke County  
Caroline County  
Orange County  
Dinwiddie County  
Lunenburg County  
Nelson County  
King George County  
Henrico County  
Hanover County  
Charlotte County

Local Emergencies Declared on February 11, 2008  
Louisa County

**ESF 15 – External Affairs:** Virginia Department of Emergency Management  
Media interest in the fires has decreased and the Joint Information Center has stood down. VDEM Public Affairs and VDOF Public Affairs continue to respond to media calls as needed.

#### WEATHER

**Forecast:** Southwest VA: Friday, 22 February: Winter Weather Advisory in effect until 12 PM, 22 February. Cloudy; 90% chance of periods of freezing rain and freezing drizzle during the morning then rain later; Light ice accumulation in some areas; high temperatures upper 30's to mid 40's; light and variable winds. Night: Cloudy; 70% chance of rain in the evening with a chance of rain showers after midnight; low temperatures mid to uppers 30's; west – northwest winds 5 to 10 MPH.

#### OPERATIONS SECTION

**ESF 16 – Military Affairs:** Virginia National Guard (VANG)  
Joint Operations Center returned to normal operations on 17 February. 100 National Guard were deployed on 11 February to assist Forestry with operations. All National Guard personnel returned to base and were off State Active Duty at 1700 hrs, 16 February.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 4 – Firefighting:** Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)

**The Forestry Command Center has resumed normal operations.**

All VDOF managed fires are 100% contained and the **Angel Fire, (Carvins Cove, Roanoke County) was declared under control on 21 February and all VDOF have cleared the incident.** VDOF and localities responded to 357 fires which burned 13,938 acres. The fires damaged or destroyed 9 homes, 19 other structures and 7 vehicles. VDOF advises this was worst single day fire siege in Virginia in the last 70 years. [Fire Summation Report 22 Feb 08](#); [Spring Burn Ban](#); [Local Burn Restrictions](#)

## HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing and Human Services:**

American Red Cross (ARC)

Roanoke Civic Center sheltered closed on 14 February. Roanoke Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross has provided meals for approximately 110 firefighters during the period 12 – 16 February.

## INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH

**ESF 12 – Energy:** State Corporation Commission (SCC)

Power was restored to all electric customers on 14 February.

## LOGISTICS SECTION

**ESF 7 – Resource Support:** Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The VEOC coordinated 17 requests for assistance from 14 localities.

## FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

**Finance Unit:**

Request was sent to State Agencies on 15 February to submit cost estimates related to the brush fires. Final costs are to be submitted by Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

All local emergency operations centers have closed. Fourteen localities requested assistance and twelve localities declared local emergencies.

## PLANNING SECTION

**Situation Unit:** **This is the FINAL Situation Report that will be issued reference this event.**

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